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BOND ISSUE FOR FEDERAL BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON.

contemplated action of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds looking to a bond issue from the pro-

could be advanced in opposition to the interest or public right. plan of erecting public buildings in

which the money is to be raised.

PEARY.

It is difficult to understand the constant and persistent misrepresentations have a persistent misrepresentations in connection with the legislation pends for regularity, but in connection with the legislation pends fing before the House Committee on Naval Affairs to reward Robert E.

Peary for discovering the North Pole. The facts in the case have been rehearsed so often that it seems almost to secure, even if party lines are hearted as well as to the country at large.

My setting about to do those things which it has made up its mind the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the case have been rehearsed so often that it seems almost the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the secure, even if party lines are smalled that the latter is not an insurgent to the members of the case have been rehearsed to solve the House Committee on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the case have been rehearsed on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the case have been rehearsed on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the case have been rehearsed on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the case have been rehearsed on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the solution of the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the solution of the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the solution of the case have been rehearsed on the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the solution of the public is carenestly insistence of the money of the solution of the money of the mo

appear before it? If it has that fact African, with their hopeful expressions, has not been made public.

of a lobbyist?

North he still has a keen sense of pro- by the ruthless hand of a civilization he priety. Such being the case, he is hold- could not understand. first extend him an invitation to do so. shaft never aimed at him. After that has been done it will be time | The engines of war the Indian underenough to judge whether he should or stood better than those of peace. Bay

DOCK COUNTRY.

the State, you know, of cyclones and whiskers and Victor Murdock and thing even which appealed so to his Biological Society of Washington whiskers and Victor Murdock and imagination that he liked it, and he things-dark and threatening clouds do lower upon the murky atmosphere of thought. "What's the matter with Kansas?" asked William Allen White in the dread Populistic days of '90. And echo answered, "What?"

Now others ask again, even louder than before; and echo anwers, this time peace by a civilization he could not unmore definitely, "William Allen White." He's the matter with Kansas, for he's about to break up the G. O. P.

So, at least, says the leading "regular" journal in the neighboring Missouri town of K. C. What irreverence!

But there is hope, springing eternal Quincy enthusiasts who welcomed the in the breast of Wichita, Victor Mur- head of the Fore River Shipbuilding dock's home. A chain letter, coming Company home after his successful silently, mystically, terror-laden, out trip abroad for Argentine contracts reof the trackless void of Who-Knows- veals what Americans can do when Where, to thousands of citizens and they all pull together. citizenesses, admonishes them to pray

uneeasingly for nine days. A form of prayer is inserted to be when the competition for the contracts copied every day and passed on, if they began to grow hot, and from that point

would flee from the wrath to come.

writing anonymous letters. What is the meaning of it?

one prayer-that they may be delivered last, and all the time. from the tyranny of Uncle Joe Cannon.

OF THE PARTIES.

tion of whether the old political parties | America. are in danger of being broken up. It is indicative of the remarkable tendency There should be no opposition to the toward the wiping out of party lines, as they "have not done before in years" riment to the old leaders of things in the Marquis of Queensberry rules. the Serate and House, who have so long ment buildings will be erected in Washington.

been enabled to maintain their authority because of the religious regard entertained by the men in Congress for the curse of the high cost of living We can think of no argument which party affiliations, regardless of public

The Kansas incident is this: One of which the various departments of the Government would be housed. Large Ryan, has announced that he does not pealed to Mr. Knox.

the Senate Democratic leaders, W. H. enforce. The Nicaraguans have appealed to Mr. Knox. which the walkers of the companies of with the servery of the first walkers to the first walk sums of money are now spent annually favor the nomination of a Democratic in renting office space. This practice candidate for governor in opposition to in renting office space. This practice candidate for governor in opposition to is not only unnecessary, but inconvenient. In many instances the work of He says he will support Stubbs under prophet is with honor only among his house during the war, brought George a department is spread over a wide ter- any circumstances for the reason home editors. ritory. There should be, and we now Stubbs has earned the opposition of all have reason to hope will be, buildings the special interests and the politicians for the Department of Commerce and and attorneys affiliated with the special Labor, a city postoffice, the Depart. interests. Stubbs has been assailed as ment of Justice, the Supreme Court, a Populist by the machine element, and and other departments of the Govern. Mr. Ryan looks on this as about the ment which are now laboring under dis- best possible evidence that he has been It does not seem important whether same machine element has been atthe funds to carry on this work are tacking Senator Bristow, Representataken directly from the Treasury or are tive Murdock, Representative Madison, raised by the sale of bonds. The build- and others who have declined to regard averages of the new recruits are. ings are urgently needed, and if the public office as a medium through spirft of economy of the Administra- which the welfare of the corporations tion dictates a bond issue let us have and special in crests can be enhanced. it, but above all things let us have the In the stand he has faken. Mr. Ryan buildings, regardless of the manner in has the backing of numerous other

THE NEED FOR JUSTICE TO tendencies are discernible, indications without so much as a biss.

not. Has the committee asked him to men, the European, the Asiatic, the resting their hands firmly and confi-Is it possible, then, that the mem- dently upon the continents which are their elbow. bers of the House Committee on Naval theirs, the little Indian boy presents a Affairs desire Mr. Peary to haunt the striking contrast. In his tall headdress \$15,000 from Caruso, he saved himsel halls of Congress holding in his out- of feathers, his necklace of wampum, by his great voice. He sang out for stretched hands proofs of his discovery with his bow and arrow, the weapon the police. of the North Pole, buttonholing mem- of his fathers, grasped in one little bers of the House and Senate in ad- hand, shading his eyes with the other, vocacy of the bills making him a rear he sits there, emblem of a vanishing loped," admiral, and, in short, playing the part race, gazing wistfully but hopelessly guage. upon the bright land, this broad Amer-

ing aloof from the petty quarrels that Poor Bay Bum! Nearly a hundred be laughing himself to death. mark each hearing at which his case is years old, and the hero of many a discussed. Poor, indeed, is a reward battlefield! Yielding to the white man's given only at the urgent request of the inventions of warfare, he battled to the Senate. person to be rewarded. Before the nearly a half century against equally House Committee or any other body or relentless arts of peace, to be overcome person criticises Mr. Peary for not ap- at last by an invention of his old pearing before the committee, let them enemy, the white man, though by a

should not appear before the committee. Bum survived the terrific onslaughts of TERROR IN THE WHITE-MUR- the death-dealing gunpowder. Mysterious as that was-"smoke puff here, man fall yonder"-and sudden as the lightning, there was yet something Southern bazear, old Masonic Temple quickly adopted it into his fierce warfare, comprehending the uses of it even if he still wondered.

> Not so the stealthy, death-insinuating gas. He blew that out and went to sleep, and so the old warrior died, overcome even in the midst of a happy derstand.

AN AMERICAN COMBINATION BEATS THE WORLD.

Rear Admiral Bowles' speech to the

In the first place, Mr. Bowles went straight to headquarters in Argentina, of vantage depended upon the men at "It is said in Jerusalem that those home to furnish him with the best pos- ments.)

who write this prayer will be delivered sible designs in the shortest possible from all calamities." Those who re- time. The character of the work is fuse will meet with some great mis- best described by the rear admiral himfortune. Those who do for nine days, self. "I am gratified to tell you," said on the ninth will meet with some great he to the proud people of Quincy, "that a more perfect set of general plans "Make a wish each day when sending never were prepared, and they were uniit to a friend," further says this mys- versally admired by the people to whom

you will receive your wish. Don't sign | So much for the business side of the enterprise. Back of this push and skill And all Kansas is on its knees, with was the fact that the American steel en in hand, reverently, breathlessly, plants are in such a fine state of development that the United States can build battleships cheaper than any The astute readily see. It is but an other country in the world. Further other deep laid conspiracy of the Titian more, in Charles B. Sherrill the United Statesman from Wichita. He knows States has a minister to the Argentine full well that every living man, woman, Republic who, as Mr. Bowles says, is and child in Kansas, and most of those "not holding down the job," but is who are dead, has but one wish and but working for American interests first,

An invincible combination-and well BREAKING DOWN THE LINES chief of the great Fore River yard is is called upon to face. But she has so no doubt quite sure of his ground when he declares that this is not the last men. As "A Widow" says, she is usu From Kansas there has just come battleship that will be built in Quincy ally tired in the evening, and must here cut herself off from social life to a ver certain striking evidence on the quest for the progressive people of South great extent.

Ohio Republicans are getting together one for each of us, if only the path something that is giving no end of wor- is true. Now they are doing it under

> Judging from the amount of money It does seem that at last American

parent. It suggests the thought that angina pectoris it should be borne in of unfortunates which still remains and lift is difficult to understand the condition if the leaders want to preserve the old mind that the latter is not an insurgent, will probably, to a greater or lesser de-

By giving the Indians a few lessons in live work.

When the Black Hand tried to get

"Battling" Nelson makes no effort to side-step the charge that he was "wai

to use his own picturesque lan-Mr. Patten's determination to retire

We take it that although Mr. Peary ica, which once was his. From it he has and rest on his laurels indicates that is inured to the hardships of the Far been pushed steadily but relentlessly modern laurels are made only of dollars.

> leasing to Ellis, Judson Harmon must Anyway, the people of Arkansas can not deny that they elected Jeff Davis

It is easy enough to write love letters o a girl who can write checks.

Mr. Pinchot feels more kindly toward the trees than the Vertrees.

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

George Washington University, Fif. teenth and H streets, 8 p. m., council meeting, Cosmos Club, 7:30 p. m. Annual election, Flagg Council, United

Commercial Travelers, Pythian Tem-Sheridan Celebration by Woman's Relief Corps and Phil Sheridan Post, G. A. R., Grand Army Hall, Georgetown athletic meet. Convention

Theaters.

National-"Little Nemo," 8:16 p. m. Belasco-Andrew Mack, in the "Prince of Bohemia," 8:20 p. m. Columbia-"A Gentleman From Mississippi," 8:15 p. m. Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.

Casino-Continuous vaudeville. yceum-"Tiger Lilies," 8:15 p. m. Gayety-"Follies of New York" and Paris," 8:15 p. m. Academy—"St. Elmo," 8:15 p. m. Majestic—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7 to 11 p. m.

Masonic Auditorium-Motion pictures, The Arcade-Midway and other attrac-

In the Mail Bag

The Times will accept for publication in its Mail Bag columns, short, vigorous letters on questions of public interest. It cannot undertake to publish letters exceeding 250 words, and reserves the right rigidly to condense communications which are of greater length. Letters should be written on one side of the paper only, and must contain the name and address of the writer, but these will not be published if request to that effect

To the Editor of The Washington Times: May I add my say to the matrimonia

discussion now in progress? As a rule, the girl who has been selfsupporting through a period of years makes the best wife in the world through her knowledge of business conthey know it in Europe! The happy to the daily worries and problems man ditions and her sympathetic insight as ally tired in the evening, and must needs

But there are so many lonely, ur nated hearts, and we know that some The statement of Mr. Ellis that the where there is waiting just the right

> What is the solution of this question CONSTANT READER.

Washington's Will.

which said: "For the first time in its Brian's principal song in "The Dollar Princess." in which he is appearing. diplomacy has a chance to advance an history the will of George Washington intervention proposition which it can has left the strong vault of Fairfax ton, where it now reposes in the office of Librarian of Congress

not want charity; we want work-lucra-Any suggestions bearing griculture, the Covernment hopes to upon this subject, provided our estremed teach them to raise something besides editor can spare us the space, will be

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Capital Tales

task than it is today. The Republicans only had a majority of fourteen, and

are out of the way. Being a busy little bee himself, he has no patience with the drones of the House.

A few days ago the Democrats tem-porarily controlled the House because nany Republicans were absent. About o'clock on the day following this incllent Tawney was seated in the members' lobby smoking a cigar. A Republic an member emerged from the floor of the House wearing hat and overcoat, and walking toward an exit. "Where are you going?" asked Taw-

"Over to the office building to write ome letters," replied the member. "Well," remarked Tawney, "you are a fine imitation of a member of Congress who is paid \$7,500 a year. Who ever heard tell of a majority maintaining control of the floor when a lot of duffers like you go rambling off to their offices to write letters back home don't you get out of bed in the morning early enough to clean up your correspondence before noon, and stay around the House during the afternoon so you will be on the job when your vote is needed. Now, Mr. Congressman, take tip from me. There is an attendant in the Republican cloak room who wil take care of that hat and coat until 5 clock. I'd advise you to avail yourself

Sooner or later every member of the House has to go to Tawney to urge ap-(The Times will be pleased to an- propriations for his district, so the memnounce meetings and entertainments in this column. Plote or write announce-ments.] marks postponed his letter-writing until night.

POPULAR IN PROFESSION FEBRUARY FAILURES



MR. AND MRS. DONALD BRIAN,

Whose Wedding Gift, Horseshoe of Roses, Was Carried by Four Men. ONALD BRIAN, the well-known actor, who won fame in "The Merry Widow," was married March 1 to Mrs. Charles H. Pope, who formerly was Miss Florence Meagher Gleason. One of the presents was a huge horseshoe of roses which was all four men could carry. Across it were I saw an article from Alexandria the words done in forget-me-nots, "Love's a Race." This is the title of Mr.

LITTLE SAVED REGULARLY

CHRISTMAS TURKEY | SEA TROUT GAMY WITHOUT THE COST

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, at one of the nany horse show dinners given in his is the gamtest member of the family nonor in New York recently, told an afloat, according to Richard L. Pocock. amusing story of a groom and a tur- He made the discovery quite by acci-

The young

lady across the

way says she

overheard her

father say that

he expected a

formal call

from the comp-

troller of the

treasury soon

and for her

part it did seem

as if they ought

to know each

other well

enough by this

time to drop

in informally

and weren't

men queer.

ON PACIFIC COAST

The sea trout of the Pacific Coast dent when fishing for brook trout at

BEFORE Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota became chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, he was party whip in the House. In those days rounding up members to vote was a more difficult task than it is today. The Republicans only had a majority of fourteen, and every time the Democrats discovered fourteen or more members absent they proceeded to harass the majority.

As a result of these tactics Tawney was kept on the job from the moment the House inet at noon until it adjourned at 5 o'clock, and he made it his business to know just where he could but his hands on members absent from the chamber who were not paired with Democrats.

Tawney is something of a slave driver anyway. When his committee is considering big appropriation bills he keeps the members working until the measures are out of the way. Being a busy little

SHOW FALLING OFF Statistics Prove Less Commercial Disaster Last Month Than in January.

Commercial failures during the month of February, according to statistics compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., numbered with defaulted indebtedness amounting to \$27,461,829. In number there is a decided improvement over the 1,1% for the same month last year, or the 1,621 in 1908, but with other recent years

the comparison is unfavorable In the total amount involved, however here is a notable increase compared with last year, when the Habilities were \$16,734,813; but four failures in February this year-two in iron, for \$7,500,000, and two in the brokerage class for \$5,000,000account for \$15,500,000 of the total lia-bilities; deducting these, the remaining

1,063 report liabilities of \$12,000,000.

Manufacturing failures were 263 in umber and \$12,821,996 in amount, and compare with 231 for \$8,161,384 last year and 393 involving \$12,911,375 in 1908. Trading fallures make much the best exhibit, both as to number and the aggregate involved, 774 with defaulted indebte of \$6,438,345 comparing with 841 for \$5,410,-597 last year, and 1,170 for \$8,672,143 in 1908. The comparison with earlier years is also much closer than is found in the nanufacturing class.

Thirty Brokers Go Under.

In the third class, which embraces brokers and transporters, defaults numbered 30, with liabilities of \$8,174,488, and as to number compare very well with the majority of recent preceding years. but as regards amount involved one o

	iron, roundries, etc.,,,,,,	81, 51, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 1	20,000,000
	Machinery and tools	143,410	141,083
	Woolens, carpets, etc	235,100	69,000
	Cotsons, lace and hosiery	155,500	55,066
	Lumber, carpenters, etc	558,568	286, 123
	Clothing and millinery	363,367	259,646
	Hats, gloves and furs	111.624	5,166
	Chemicals and drugs	132,799	5,738
	Paints and oils	128,000	111,651
	Printing and engraving	152,777	174,493
i	Milling and bakers	92,623	101,910
	Leather, shoes and harness	23,823	125,800
	Liquors and tobacco	200,655	128,78
ĺ	Giass, earth ware & brick.	357,623	61,975
1	All other	1,801,677	1,249.90
	Total manufacturing	12,821,996	8,161,38
	Traders.		
	General stores	\$1,056,666	\$1,755,720
	Groceries, meats and fish	812,135	
	Hotels and restaurants	217,266	211.00
	Liquors and tobacco		417,43
	Ciething and furnishing		799.15
	Dry goods and carpets		372,68
	Shora, rubbers and trunks,		158,37
	Furniture and crockery		27,12
	H'ware, stoves and tools		306,61
	Chemicals and drugs		143,18
	Paints and bils	35,549	
	Jewelry and clocks		
	Books and papers		
	Hats, furs and gloves		0.57
	All other		
	The Children and a second second second	500,888	855,63
	Total trading	6,438,345	6,410.59
	Brokers and transporters.		2,162,83

Total commercial..... 27,434,829 16,734,813 SEEKS FRESH AIR; RECEIVES OVERCOAT

He was charitably inclined, and every night for more than a week he pitied the old man whom he met standing in the doorway of a downtown office buildng. The first night it was very so he asked the old man if he wouldn't like a drink to warm him up. They ha their drinks, and the charitably inclined person gave the old man 50 cents for a light's lodging. The old man thanked

Last week the charitable chap gave the old man an overcoat, and told him if he needed help to come around to his Wall Street office. -Finally the benefactor asked the old man who he was. Why didn't he get a job?

"Oh, I'm the night watchman in this building," was the reply. "I stand out-side to get the fresh air." Now when the charitable person meets

the old man he ignores him .- New York OLD APPIAN WAY

STILL GOOD TODAY The famous Applan way was constructed by digging two parallel trenches, three feet in depth, at the bottom of which were placed two layers of flat stones in mortar, upon which a layer of cobblestones were placed, also laid in mortar; then came a course placed large, flat blocks of smooth lava well joined together, forming an even,

uniform surface. It was primarily a military road, and extended from Rome to Bundusium, a distance of Lie miles. So berfect was the construction of this celebrated road that it still exists in places as good as twenty centuries ago .- Philadelphia

The Young Lady Across the Way